THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) All India Services personnel are answerable to the State Government when they hold posts under the control of the State Government. They are also governed by the All India Services Act, the Rules made thereunder and other relevant Service Rules.

(b) The question does not arise.

Snapping of Trade relations with Britain

4444. SHRI M.A. BABY:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering snapping of trade relations with Britain in view of that country's increasing trade with South Africa; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Repair of Hirakund Dam

4445. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA :
SHRI JAGDISH JANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the repair work on cracks developed in Hirakund Dam in Orissa has been entrusted to the European structural Boring Division a private company of Netherlands;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of this work and the terms and conditions of the contract ;

(c) by when the work is likely to be commenced and completed; and

(d) the steps taken by the Central Water Commission for the safety of the Dam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The repair work has been awarded to a Bombay based Indian Company who are licencee of European Structural Bording Division, Amsterveen, Netherlands.

(b) Estimated cost Rs. 1·38 crores. The main condition is to *inter alia* use imported chemicals available from M/S. ESBD Ltd. and to complete the work in 20 months time.

(c) The work commenced on 29-3-1988 and is scheduled to be completed by 28-11-1989.

(d) Central Water Commission is providing technical assistance to the State Government.

4446. [*Transferred to the* 30th *August* 1988].

Extraction of High Purity Gallium

4447. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a pilot plant for the extraction of high purity Gallium has already started functioning in India ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding